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EO 12065: GDS 12/18/87 (FRIEDMAN, T.B.) OR-P
TAGS: SHUM, AR
SUBJECT: ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE

REF: STATE 333082 (NOTAL)

1. [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE HAVE TALKED TO A RELIABLE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO IS INFORMED ABOUT THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF GERARDO MARIA BRUGO. HE STATES THAT BRUGO DISAPPEARED ON MARCH 23 AND BELIEVES HE WAS TAKEN IN FRONT OF WITNESSES. HE ADDS, HOWEVER, THAT BRUGO'S FATHER HAS BEEN VERY RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE DETAILS ABOUT THE MATTER BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WANT TO HURT THE CAREERS OF HIS TWO OTHER SONS: ONE REPORTEDLY A DIPLOMAT AND THE OTHER REPORTEDLY AN AIR FORCE OFFICER.

3. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT JUST PRIOR TO HIS DISAPPEARANCE BRUGO ACCOMPANIED HIS SISTER AND HER HUSBAND TO RIO DE JANEIRO WHERE THE TWO SOUGHT

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AND OBTAINED REFUGEE STATUS FROM THE UN. THEY SUBSEQUENTLY ENTERED CANADA AS REFUGEES, HE REPORTS.

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OUR SOURCE SAID THAT THE TRIP TO RIO WAS A HASTY ONE AND THE COUPLE SEEMED TO BE RUNNING FOR "POLITICAL REASONS." OUR SOURCE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER SUCH "REASON" COULD INCLUDE AN ASSOCIATION WITH TERRORISTS.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE RELUCTANT TO CONTACT THE FATHER DIRECTLY, GIVEN HIS REPORTED SHYNESS ABOUT THIS MATTER. MIGNONE RETURNS TO ARGENTINA DECEMBER 19 AND WE WILL ASK HIM IF THE FATHER WISHES TO COME BY THE EMBASSY. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT IF THERE WERE WITNESSES TO THIS REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE.
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